

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1405

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brenda L. McKay on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those educators who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Brenda L. McKay is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-four years as a teacher, twenty-nine of those years having been spent at Big Ridge Elementary School where she has taught first and second grade; and

WHEREAS, she is now taking a much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gadsden, Alabama, Brenda McKay is the proud daughter of Clara and P.A. Lumpkin; and

WHEREAS, having wanted to be a teacher since she was in the first grade, Mrs. McKay received her Bachelor of Science degree and Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, she commenced her teaching career in Gadsden at John S. Jones Elementary School with her first class of thirty-eight students; she rendered sterling service as a teacher there for three years; and

WHEREAS, upon moving to Chattanooga, she taught at Ridgedale Elementary School for two years prior to her extensive tenure at Big Ridge Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illustrious tenure at Big Ridge Elementary School, Mrs. McKay has lent her time and talents as a Faculty Representative to the PTA Board, Faculty Representative to HCEA, International Reading Association Representative, and member of the Advisory Committee and the Mathematics and Social Studies Textbook Committees; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Brenda McKay was honored as the Chattanooga City Schools Elementary School Teacher of the Year in 1997, nominated for Disney Teacher of the Year in 2000, and included in the *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. McKay is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brenda McKay truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, her many professional achievements aside, Mrs. McKay is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband, Robert "Sandy" McKay, who she married in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Brenda McKay exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. McKay has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Mrs. Brenda L. McKay our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, as we commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.